

WHY ~ Part 1

WHY DON'T I ALWAYS FEEL GOD?

- IF YOU DON'T ALWAYS _____ GOD'S PRESENCE, YOU'RE NOT _____.

But I cry to you for help, O Lord; in the morning my prayer comes before you. ¹⁴ Why, O Lord, do you reject me and hide your face from me?

Psalm 88:13-14

WHY DON'T I ALWAYS FEEL GOD?

- MAYBE YOU ARE OVER _____ IT.

*So they asked him, "What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?" **John 6:30***

- MAYBE YOU'RE SIMPLY _____.

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made.

Luke 10:38-40

- MAYBE YOUR HEART HAS _____.

¹⁴ This fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah that says, 'When you hear what I say, you will not understand. When you see what I do, you will not comprehend. ¹⁵ For the hearts of these people are hardened, and their ears cannot hear, and they have closed their eyes so their eyes cannot see, and their ears cannot hear, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and let me heal them.'

Matthew 13:14-15 NLT

- MAYBE YOU'VE BUILT A WALL OF _____.

*Listen! The LORD is not too weak to save you, and he is not becoming deaf. He can hear you when you call. ² But there is a problem — your sins have cut you off from God. **Isaiah 59:1-2 NLT***

- MAYBE YOU DON'T _____ GOD.

*You do not know him, ²⁹ but I know him because I am from him and he sent me. **John 7:28-29***

PRESENCE PROMISES

- 1) YOU WILL _____ GOD WHEN YOU _____ GOD.

*"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you," declares the LORD... **Jeremiah 29:13-14***

- 2) YOU CAN DO _____ WITH GOD'S PRESENCE.

*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, who will never leave you. ¹⁷ He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world at large cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you do, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. **John 14:16-17 NLT***

- 3) YOU CAN EXPERIENCE GOD _____.

*God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. **Acts 17:27***

Questions for Thought and Discussion

- What is keeping you from always feeling God's presence in your life?
- Share a time when you felt God's presence in your life. How did that experience affect you?
- What steps will you take to seek God and experience Him now?